

Sept. 16--

Portage Bay, known locally as Swedish Meadows, Has a tidal slough running back through grass flats 5 to 6 miles. The tide was low at time of our visit, so did not go back over a mile.

Saw very little evidence salmon, although there are a number of small streams suitable for spawning coming into the slough on either side. Probably never has been of much importance.

Bell Island creek at Hot Springs is rather steep where it comes out of a lake about a mile back, and only a few coho succeeded in reaching the lake. In its lower reaches there were numerous humps and dogs spawning.

Local inhabitants state that only in the last couple of weeks has there been sufficient water for these fish to ascend. There are still a few fish in salt water waiting to enter the creek.

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